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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

This issue comes to you from the past – it's still March as I write this! I am extremely proud to be able to edit the newsletter at LX, and even more proud to be editing a newsletter with header art by David Lloyd – a **huge** thank you to him.

Since this is the first issue, I haven't got a lot of content from anyone yet, so if you feel like rectifying that please give us any artwork or content you want us to publish. More information on how to submit material for the newsletter is just across the page and we look forward to seeing your submissions.

In other news, I have chosen to do every single header in the newsletter as an alliteration. Suggestions are welcome, and please do expect them to get worse and worse over the course of the convention... I make no apologies!

See you in the bar – John.

PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION!

Programme particpants: the Green Room should be open daily from 9:30am until shortly after the 10pm programme items start, except for on Monday, when it will close just after 5pm. If you're on one of the items starting at 9am, 11pm or midnight, please would you drop by earlier in the day and claim your drink then or the means to get it yourself later?

PROCURING PUBLICATIONS!

This newsletter will be available from a variety of fixed locations throughout the convention. Firstly (and most obviously) there are always going to be newsletters floating around the Newsletter Office, located upstairs, but there are also plastic stands dotted around the convention that will hold newsletters as and when they're published. To find out when a newsletter's been published, simply keep an eye on #eastercon on Twitter. I will update whenever a new issue is about to hit news stands.

SUBMITTING STUFF!

There are a variety of ways to submit content: the first one is to give content in at the Newsletter Office. Another way of getting things to the team is to drop it off in the newsletter box in Ops or e-mail news@lx2009.com with anything you've come up with. We are eagerly anticipating your stuff!

DIARY DIFFERENCES!

There are some important programme changes and reminders that members should be aware of:

It's Grim Up North: Originally scheduled for 8pm on Saturday in Sycamore, this panel item has moved to the same time on Sunday, in the Boardroom.

READ-ME REVELATIONS!

The Future British Launch described on p30 of the Read-Me as being at 2pm on Sunday is a fictional programme item. The Future Bristol Launch will happen in its place.

MEDIA MUSEUM!

LX visits the National Media Museum in central Bradford at 9am on Saturday and Sunday. Meet underneath the portico of the hotel to catch the free circular bus. Full details are available in the Cedar (fan) suite.

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION!

The cash machine at the garage across the road from the Cedar Court is reported out of order as of Friday morning – but, there is a 24 hour cashpoint within walking distance at Morrison's, about five minutes away. Morrison's itself is open 8am – 8pm Friday and Saturday and 8:30am – 7pm on Monday. It is shut on Sunday and has, we are told, a good café.

HILTON HOTEL HAVOC!

Important news about the Hilton for those of you who are staying there and driving to and from the convention – the Hilton in Bradford is closing its carpark between midnight and 6am each day.

To compensate for this, the Cedar Court has arranged a solution with the nearby Great Victoria to offer parking for LX members in their car park. Parking is £5 for 24 hours and tokens are available from the Cedar Court's reception.

AWESOME ALES!

As well as Black Sheep and Classic Blonde, the hotel have arranged a selection of guest beers. We are told one has already run out, but no confirmation yet as to which.

Angel 4%
Four Minute Mile 4%
Rams Revenge 4.6%
Easter Cream 4%
Westgate Gold 4% (already on tap)

SAD NEWS!

Jet-setting Scottish fan Sneerpout is in hospital recovering from an emergency operation to remove an appendix. Only in Geneva could they name a hospital "HUG". She seems to be in good spirits with a net connection, Irn Bru, and eye candy.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

We have had some restaurant reviews from the Thursday night's eating and dining:

Prashad:

Postcode: BD7 2DW
Website: prashad.co.uk
Phone: 01274 575893

Matriarchal Gujerati vegetarian food – a deli/takeaway and very small restaurant. It's roughly £12.50 per head for 3 courses. The deli sells fresh-made Bombay-type mixes, sweets and snacks, and it's a 10 minute drive from the Cedar Court. Recommended by the Dowds, Fishlifters, GuffPeeps and Ang.

Nawaab:

Postcode: BD1 4QE
Website: nawaabs.com/bradford
Phone: 01274 720371

A wide-ranging and familiar menu with lots of fish and veggie dishes and kids' portions. Speciality menu from £7 - £9. In central Bradford, not far from the railway station. Recommended by Julian Headlong and Tony Berry.

DISASTROUS DEATH!

Reports are coming in that the infamous Baron Munchausen has died. Details and comfirmation of a memorial service are to follow – please see Assaf or visit the gaming room for more details!

COLUMN CONTINUUM!

Way back, just after the close of Orbital, I decided that it'd be nice if I could do something to recognise the fact that LX is the sixtieth Eastercon with *The Voice*. Having this in mind, I e-mailed Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey, who were incredible and did me around 1000 words for the newsletter on this very theme. I'll let them explain:

"LX is the sixtieth Eastercon – either that or something's gone wrong and we're all back in 1960. On the assumption that it's the former, John has asked us to mark the anniversary with a summary of British science fiction and fandom in the years since that first 'Eastercon' in 1948. It would be neat if those sixty Eastercons spanned sixty years, but no, of course they don't. So, six chapters of 100 words each, plus a prologue and an epilogue."

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter is currently scheduled to come out some time this evening. Anything you want us to include, from plugs to panels to information about decent restaurants near the hotel, should be given to us by 7pm if you want it to be in that issue. We'll try to publish any decent stuff we're given, so please submit early and often!

PROLOGUE: BEFORE 1948

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

Animal Farm, Beynon, Big Pond Fund, Birchby, *Brave New World*, British Interplanetary Society, Burdekin, Carnell, Clarke, Doyle, *Erewhon*, Fearn, *Frankenstein*, *Futurian War Digest*, Gillings, Hanson, Huxley, Ilford, *Last and First Men*, Leeds, Lewis, Low, Mayer, Midvention, *Novae Terrae*, Nuneaton, *Odd John*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, Rosenblum, Science Fiction League, Scientific Romance, *Scientifiction*, *Scoops*, *Sinister Barrier*, *Sirius*, Stapledon, *Star Maker*, *Stowaway to Mars*, *Swastika Night*, *Tales of Wonder*, Temple, *The First Men in the Moon*, The Flat, 'The Four-Side Triangle', *The Futurian*, *The Invisible Man*, *The Time Machine*, *The War of the Worlds*, *Things to Come*, Turner, Wells, Youd, *Zenith*.

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

The reason that the alliteration didn't run all the way through the last issue was because I felt it would be a bit glib to entitle a section dealing with someone's operation using alliteration. Given some of the copy I find written for me by others, I would like to make it clear I apologise wholeheartedly for this unforgiveable lapse in editorial judgement... it will never happen again, and that's a promise!

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

Rather embarrassingly, we got something wrong in issue #1. The tokens for parking at the Great Victoria are available from their reception, and not the Cedar Court's. Apologies!

BSFA BRILLIANCE!

Shiny boxes have appeared at the registration desk and on the BSFA table in the Dealers' Room. These boxes are hungry and want your votes for the BSFA Awards. Please do your bit and feed them your ballot papers by 2:30pm on Saturday 11th April to ensure the awards are not just shiny , but glittering!

ASTOUNDING ALES!

Come along at 9pm on Saturday for the beer tasting and try half a dozen fine ales and lagers while Jim de Liscard tells you about them, explains the myriad falvours of malt and hops or just generally talks rubbish. Styles of beer range from porter to gueze, so even if you don't think you like real ales and beers, you might be surprised. Places are limited to 30 people, and there's a sign-up sheet on the wall in Ops if you're interested – first come, first served! This item has been moved to the Directors' Suite, but is still the same time as advertised, so you don't have to reschedule.

PROGRAMME PARTICULARS!

Howard Rozenblum points out, in refernce to the 'Howden we have a problem!' panel at 11am on Saturday, Barnes Wallis designed the R100 and not the R101 as stated. The R100 was very much more successful in all aspects. Those who committed this vile calumny will find out about Tall Boy the bad way.

BUS BUSINESS!

The buses are running! The last bus is at midnight tonight and the last bus on Saturday/Sunday will leave at 12:30am. The last bus on Monday leaves somewhat earlier, at 9pm.

PERIODICAL PARTY!

On Sunday, from 2pm to 5pm, TWP will be having the traditional tea party in Aspen. Past, present and potential members of The Women's Periodical APA are welcome, as well as anyother miscellaneous women who feel like coming along.

Flick, having cleared out her wardrobe, will also have a large pile of free clothes, mostly from M&S and mostly size 12 (plus or minus a couple), which people are free to pick through, add too and take away from.

PHARMACY FORESIGHT!

Asda provide what we think could be the nearest pharmacy which will be open on Friday 7am – 8pm, Saturday 7am – 10pm, closed on Sunday, and Monday 9am – 16am. The store opening hours are longer, and there are 24 hour cashpoints available there as well.

RESTAURANT ROSTERS!

As well as reviews, The Voice is accumulating a library of restaurant and take-away menus. Doner and Tikka Calzone, anyone? Contributions and seekers of wisdom welcome.

BROKEN BUG!

The volunteers in Ops would like to send a sympathy message to their Gopher Mum Bridget, who has retired injured. Rachel has gallantly stepped in as a replacement, and would like to remind everyone that gophering is a wonderful opportunity to meet new and exciting people, and get a T-shirt (terms and conditions may apply).

INFIRMARY INNOVATIONS!

In an innovative move, unbeknown to the committee, LX has launched a new program stream off-site. Colin Fine has selflessly offered to dispense wisdom on any topic you like on account of being stuck in hospital for the whole Easter weekend with a poorly hand. Colin is available for consultation from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm in the York Suite, Bradford Royal Infirmary - all visitors welcome.

CHILDRENS' CAPERS!

'Mapping the Mysterious' at 12:30pm: An epic story needs an epic setting. Find out what you need to do when designing your world. Then create your own maps.

'Starting with Comics' at 2pm: Comics as a medium can appear off-putting. With so many choices, and so many long running series, where should we start? The panellists will discuss how to get started on reading comics, introducing us to some of their favourites.

'Zip, Boing, Bounce' at 7pm: A series of games of verbal dexterity, scrupulous honesty, and sharp wits, for you all to enjoy.

BEAUTIFUL BAPS!

There are baps on offer from 11:30pm in the Cedar Court. They will cost £2 each and the options are sausage, egg or bacon.

McDONALD'S MONOPOLY!

The newsletter team is building up a collection of McDonald's Monopoly tokens. If you have any to donate we will see if we can get a prize for a fan fund or if you just want to swop (we already have a spare Leicester Square) then pop by. Particularly good and/or generous newsletter contributions may be rewarded with a free token for a sundae, hot drink, or HMV money off token, subject to the randomness of the editor.

READ-ME REVELATIONS!

The programme item on Monday at 11am in Hawthorn should in fact be entitled 'The Search for Dark Matter at Boulby Mine'.

Dr. Sean Paling of the University of Sheffield will talk about how UK astrophysicists are searching for the missing mass in the universe at the bottom of Boulby Mine. Dr. Paling will give an easy introduction to astronomy, the universe and the search for dark matter followed by a virtual tour of the experiments currently underway over 1km underground at Boulby.

DISASTROUS DEATH!

Reports are coming in that the memorial for Baron Munchausen has been scheduled. More details to follow, but rumour has it the memorial will be Saturday evening. Keep your eyes glued to The Voice!

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter is currently scheduled to come out tomorrow morning. Content should be e-mailed to news@lx2009.com, given to a newsletter person or put in the Big Newsletter Box in Ops. Any contributions are welcome!

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CHAPTER ONE: 1948-1957

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

'Allamagoosa', Atom, *Authentic*, Bentcliffe, *Billy Bean and his Funny Machine*, Bounds, Bulmer, Carnell, *Childhood's End*, Christopher, Clarke, Clarke, Cytricon, Dan Dare, *Eye*, *Femizine*, Hamilton, *Hyphen*, James, Jeeves, *Journey Into Space*, Kippax, Loncon, McIntosh, *Nebula*, *New Worlds*, *Now and Then*, Oblique House, OMPA, Operation Fantast, *Quatermass*, Rayer, Russell, *Slant*, Slater, *Space Times*, St Fantony, Supermancon, TAFF, Temple, *The Chrysalids*, *The City and the Stars*, *The Day of the Triffids*, *The Death of Grass*, *The Enchanted Duplicator*, The Epicentre, *The Kraken Wakes*, *The Man in the White Suit*, 'The Sentinel', 'The Star', The White Horse, Tubb, Turner, *Wasp*, Whitcon, Willis, Wright, Wyndham.

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

I was talking to Dave Haddock at breakfast today and we drifted to the topic of how the eggs are cooked. I think they're poached, whereas Dave thinks they might be deep-fried afterwards. Anyone who knows should come and see me, there could even be free porridge on offer (from McDonald's).

What's the breakfast like in the other hotels? Has anyone found a restaurant near to one of the other hotels that's a must-try? Give me reviews, I'll publish them!

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

It wouldn't be a newsletter written with the assistance of beer if there weren't a few corrections. Aside from the typos in #2, the Baron Munchausen item is in fact on Sunday evening at 10pm.

BSFA BRILLIANCE!

The shiny BSFA boxes that appeared yesterday are still hungry for ballot papers – by the time this comes out you ought to have about an hour left to vote. Please do so if you haven't already!

BEEBLEBEAR BROUHAHA!

(Well, you try finding another alliteration that's closer to 'picnic'!)

ZZ9 Plural Z Alpha, the official *Hitchhiker's Guide* fanclub, are holding a Beeblebears' Picnic in the Foyer Bar at 3:30pm today. They should be quite apparent – they're the people with the two-headed teddy bears and the 'Don't Panic' towel. If you happen to have brought a picnic rug to LX, please bring it!

If you don't have a Beeblebear yet, they've just acquired new stock that is available in the Dealers' Room and you can grab one before heading along. ZZ9 are offering free stuff to con volunteers and are also happy to accept groats.

TAI CHI TREMENDOUSNESS!

In order that more members can do some Tai Chi breathing exercises there have been extra sessions added to the program. These are at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday, and there's also another session at 10am on Monday. All of these extra sessions are in Directors – this is not the same as the currently scheduled sessions so please don't turn up to Mimosa by mistake!

CHILDRENS' CAPERS!

There are child-friendly items at 12:30pm, 2pm and 7pm today. More details can be found in issue #2, which ought to still be available from most distribution points, for parents who didn't see it last night.

PROGRAMME PRAGMATISM!

There are some changes to scheduled programme items that you should know about:

Feedback sessions: These have been moved from 9am to 9:30am and will only run for half an hour.

Sci-Fi London Premiere: This item starts at 6:30pm instead of the 8:30pm given elsewhere.

Beer Tasting: This has changed from Mimosa to Directors, and is at 9pm.

It's Grim Up North: Moved from 8pm Saturday to 8pm Sunday in the Boardroom.

EASTER EUPHORIA!

Despite Julie's absence, we will be going ahead with the planning meeting for the Sunday morning service at 5:30 pm Saturday in the Foyer Bar (outside Main Programme). Everybody is welcome, please bring any resources or notes.

CONVENTION CRAZINESS!

Dave Lally would like to remind members that there is a display in the Cedar suite of various upcoming conventions. Go sign up!

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

We have had some more restaurant reviews from the Thursday night's eating and dining for your pleasure and delight. If you have any more reviews after Friday's evening meal, please feel free to submit them!

Toby Carvery

Postcode: BD5 8LB
Website: toby-carvery.co.uk
Phone: 01274 736316

A (challenging) fifteen minute walk away is a Toby Carvery. If you drive you need to head up the Ring Road and turn back on yourself at the Asda roundabout. The food at the carvery is cheap, quick and filling. If you are seated before 7pm it is just a fiver and meals are £7.50 after that.

Starters and puddings are available, but we didn't see the need for a starter, or have room for a pudding. Beef, Gammon and Turkey are always available along with eight types of vegetables, plus Yorkshire Puddings that appeared to be deep fried.

Saturday's special is lamb, with a couple of extra dishes available. Fish and Vegetarian options are mentioned on the menu. Restaurant recommended by David Haddock.

3 Singhs:

Postcode: BD4 8RN
Website: 3singhs.com
Phone: 01274 68 8799

Unusually this is a Sikh restaurant and thus serves beer. I have eaten there several times: the meals are always of a high standard and the portions generous. There are almost as many vegetarian options as carnivorous. Heartily recommended by Mike Spiller.

RECORDING RECREATION!

There is currently underway a historic attempt to broadcast parts of the convention over the Internet. We're hoping to have a piece on this by Peter Sullivan next issue for more details, so if you have anything you want to contribute to that please feel free to tell us. So far, amongst the people that have been watching are fans from Britain who have to work this week and fans from all over the world who were familiar with Peter's excellent work at Corflu.

RIP RPG!

Sad news reaches the LX newsletter of the death of Dave Arneson, one of the co-creators of Dungeons and Dragons. He passed away earlier this week, and will be missed.

SOUVENIR SWEETENER!

Don't worry if your memory is not what it was! We have the solution: the LX Souvenir Book. A book of memories of the convention with articles and stories from the GoHs and your favourite convention personalities.

The Souvenir Book is also about your memories of the convention. Do you have a good photo, or a tale to tell? If you do let us add it to our collective memory and include it in the Souvenir Book.

Just email any photos or stories to the editor Steve Cooper at stephen.r.cooper@ntlworld.com or if you have time bring them along to the ConRunner con desk and he'll take them off you in person.

GALLOPING GAGARINS!

It's Gagarin Day tomorrow and apparently there's no programming to celebrate this. Wikipedia tells us about the official celebration, which mentions visiting lots of cemeteries and sounds rather morbid, so we have an alternative: the editor and the newsletter team are planning to be in the bar on Sunday evening to mark this event.

FUTURE FROLICS!

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CHAPTER TWO: 1958-1967

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

A Fall of Moondust, *A for Andromeda*, Aldiss, Amis, *Aporrheta*, Atom, Badger, Ballard, 'Behold the Man', Bennett, Bentcliffe, Berry, *Beyond*, Birmingham, Brunner, BSFA, Cheltenham, Crispin, *Dr Who*, Fanthorpe, *Field Hospital*, *Galaxy 666*, *Hothouse*, *Hyphen*, Inchmery, Kapp, Lindsay, Loncon II, LXIcon, Malcolm, Masson, Mercer, Moorcock, *New Maps of Hell*, New Wave, *New Worlds*, *Non-Stop*, Parker, Peterborough, Platt, Presslie, Rackham, Sanderson, *Science Fantasy*, *Science Fiction Adventures*, *Scottishe*, Sector General, Sellings, *SF Impulse*, *Skyrack*, Slater, 'Strange Highways', *Telepathist*, *The Day the Earth Caught Fire*, *The Drowned World*, *The Prisoner*, *The Squares of the City*, *Thunderbirds*, Tubb, White, Willis, *Worlds for the Taking*, *Zenith*.

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

There has been drama in the newsletter room – a USB stick had a worm on it, and we're currently taking steps to safeguard against infection. All very exciting stuff, I think you'll agree!

We have heard back from you about breakfasts. Apparently in the Campanile, today's scrambled eggs were yesterday's, yesterday's were last week's. The Rosenblums were not impressed. Few people in the Midland will discuss the meal on the grounds that we'll all crash it and there won't be any left for them.

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

We would like to apologise sincerely, but it appears that we didn't make a mistake in the last issue and so this section is pointless. We promise to do worse in the future.

AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT!

After a wonderful introduction by Kim Newman and Paul McAuley, involving Galileo and astrological predictions (via Wells and Gernsback in 1909 and a Frost interview of Clarke in 1969 looking forward to the great future of 1999 and 2009 – phew!) it came to the presentation of the BSFA Awards for the best works in 2008.

Best Artwork: **Andy Bigwood**, the cover of *Subterfuge* (presented by Jon Courtenay Grimwood).
Best Non-fiction: **Farah Mendlesohn** *Rhetorics of Fantasy* (presented by Ken MacLeod).
Best Short Fiction: **Ted Chiang**, *Exhalation* (presented by Alastair Reynolds).
Best Novel: **Ken MacLeod**, *The Night Sessions* (presented by Tim Powers).
Well done to all who won awards!

The BSFA Awards may be over, but you can still join the BSFA, or renew your membership, at its table in the Dealers' Room next to Newcom Press. It's £26 for a UK resident, £18 for a reduced UK membership and £32 for those outside the UK.

DOOR DRAMA!

When you open one of the doors to a programme room while an item is happening – whether you're coming in, going out, or being indecisive – would you please quietly close the door fully behind you? Thank you very much!

CASHPOINT CALM!

It appears that the cashpoint at the garage (mentioned in issue #1) is now working.

SCANDINAVIAN SHINDIG!

You are hereby cordially invited to the Friendly Scandinavians' Party. It starts at 8:30pm in Directors.

SPLISH SPLASH SPLOSH!

Alison Scott reports that the splendid pool and gym are open from 8am to 9pm, with kids' times from 9am to 7pm. For those looking for a quiet swim, you should note that we took the children swimming this morning at 10am, and we had such fun that we're going to do it again tomorrow.

Kids will need to bring a parent, or somebody responsible who is prepared to act as their parent, so that we have a reasonable number of adults.

WEBCAST WONDERS!

In what we believe is a first for a major British science fiction convention, several items are being broadcast online under the "LXtra" label. It isn't official, but is being organised on an ad-hoc basis by Steve Green and Peter Sullivan, building on the experience of webcasts at various US conventions, most notably Corflu.

Peter reports: To find us, our page is at ustream.tv/channel/LXtra, and an updated schedule is available at tuckerverse.livejournal.com. We are starting small, and have covered three panels and a number of less formal happenings across the weekend so far.

To avoid privacy violations, we are only webcasting panels with the consent of the panellists and have agreed guidelines with the committee to minimise concerns. If you see us around the convention with our bright orange warning signs, come up and say hello to The Internet!

SATELLITE SILLINESS!

While today is Gagarin Day, in July it's the 40th Anniversary of Apollo 11, the good people of Satellite 2 in Glasgow (25th-26th July 2009) have bribed us to tell you.

Astronaut Roger, the Satellite 2 con mascot, has escaped! He was last seen wandering round the convention bars on Saturday at 2pm, giving out chocolates. If you find him, please bring him back to the Satellite 2 table and sign up whilst you're there. Where else would you want to spend the Apollo anniversary, than at a con?

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

After hearing some complaints floating around we are including a street address for each of the restaurants reviewed so far. Apologies if you couldn't find anywhere to eat because of this!

Prashad: 86 Horton Grange Rd

Nawaab: 32 Manor Row

Toby Carvery: 244-246 Rooley Lane

3 Singhs: 254 Sticker Lane

ChinoThai
Centenary Square, BD1 1SD
www.chinothai.co.uk/bradford/
01274 723388

Good quality, reasonably priced Chinese and Thai restaurant. Friendly staff and an unhurried atmosphere with very tasty food. I recommend Thai mussels as a starter, and duck stuffed with seafood as a main. Jungle curry fairly spicy, with a lovely complex flavour. Panang curry very tasty. Good with seafood in sauce of your choice. Ice creams looked decorative and were eaten fast. Srsly, eat here. This review handwritten by at least seven people!

LOST LAPTOP!

A laptop (a grey Gateway laptop with a cow-type pattern logo) appears to be missing from its rightful home in the newsletter office. The power cord is still here, it's running Windows XP, and is password protected. If you know anything about this please get in touch with us ASAP.

PAPERBACK PROMOTION!

Multi Award winning publisher Elastic Press in the Dealers' Room, near the fire exit, is running a last stock opportunity offer! Two free books with every purchase of any of their books which are only £5! Nothing can beat that! (The books are not available online or in stores.)

Visit the Fantast Three stall, also in the Dealers' Room, and ask for a free sample copy of either Locus or F&SF in return for your name and address. Whilst there buy some bargain priced books!

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter will be published whilst reasonably drunk at something ridiculous like 2am. The next sober newsletter will be published tomorrow, in the early afternoon. Content should be e-mailed to news@lx2009.com, given to a newsletter person or put in the Big Newsletter Box in Ops.

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CHAPTER THREE: 1968-1977

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

2001, *A Clockwork Orange*, Aldiss, Bayley, Bell, *Billion Year Spree*, Boak, Brunner, BSFG, Bulmer, Burns, *Checkpoint*, Clarke, Compton, Coney, Cooper, Dark They Were and Golden-Eyed, Dumarest, Eastercon 22, *Egg*, *Foundation*, Gannets, *Inverted World*, Jackson, Jerry Cornelius, Jones, Kettle, Mancon 5, *Maya*, New Writings in SF, Novacon, *Orbitsville*, *Pavane*, Pickersgill, Priest, Rats, *Rendezvous with Rama*, Roberts, Roberts, Saxton, *Science Fiction Monthly*, Shaw, Silicon, *Space:1999*, *Speculation*, *Stand on Zanzibar*, *Stop Breaking Down*, *The Jagged Orbit*, *The Jonah Kit*, *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, *The Moment of Eclipse*, *The Tomorrow People*, *True Rat*, Tubb, Tynecon, *UFO*, *Vector*, Watson, Weston, *Wrinkled Shrew*, *Zimri*.

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

It's Easter Sunday, the sun might be shining (I haven't been outside), I've got a couple of panels and it's shaping up to be a good day. As I write this we're eagerly anticipating any news of an Eastercon bid for 2011, but we should be able to report on that by the time we go to print.

I'm going to use this to urge people to vote for TAFF (personally I'm voting for Steve Green) – the fan funds, both TAFF and GUFF, are incredibly important and it's vital that we all support them. Details on how voting is being handled are elsewhere this issue.

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

We said we'd do worse and we did – the Scandinavian party is (as many people came and told us last night) obviously tonight, at 8:30pm in Directors, rather than last night.

TERRIFIC TAFF!

We reported earlier in the convention that Bug has been broken this weekend. In light of this, Claire Brialey confirmed at today's GUFF panel that she will be happy to collect TAFF votes this weekend. You will be able to find her variously on panels and in the bar.

The TAFF candidates are Steve Green and Tom Womack and the race will take the winner to the 2009 Worldcon, Anticipation in Montreal. Minimum donation with a vote is £2/$3. Vote early and vote often!

PROGRAMME PRAGMATISM!

There are some changes to scheduled programme items that you should know about:

Idiosyncratic Anime: This is not a 120 minute item but is in fact a 90 minute item.

Baron Munchausen: This item moves from 8pm in Mimosa to 10pm in Sycamore. More detail elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Kunji Revolt: This has been moved from 9pm in Walnut to 10pm in the Boardroom.

The Kunji Revolt Disco: There is a disco in Mimosa after the Rock Band concert.

Brief History of the Universe: This is still at 11pm but moves from the Boardroom to Hawthorn.

TREMENDOUS T-SHIRTS!

Anders Holmström was the first person to win one of the exclusive white-on-black gopher reward T-shirts, with artwork by David Lloyd (the same artwork gracing our front page!) – well done to him, and to the rest of you, why aren't you volunteering?!

ABJECT APOLOGIES!

Co-chair James Bacon would like to apologise for the overrunning of the beer tasting session, which eventually ended at 1:38am, some three and half hours after it was scheduled to finish, but welcomes Jim de Liscard's initiative.

QUOTATION QUORUM!

Fran Dowd was overheard during the communion at the early morning service: "Bugger peace, I've got chocolate!"

This was followed by the ensuing conversation: "There's plenty of room for everyone to watch the sheep!" "Oh, it's **that** sheep!" "The holy sheep?!"

You had to be there, perhaps... in other news, this was overheard in the bar last night: "Are you going to 'Bad Sex' with Liam?" "No, I've done that already," replied thirty-five women.

"I'm going to see the twits!" "You mean the Twitter panel?" "Yeah, same thing..."

ZZ9 ZONE!

ZZ9 Plural Z Alpha have been giving flyers out with the wrong details on them – don't send an SAE, just e-mail membership@zz9.org or visit zz9.org to join.

CONSTITUTION CALAMITY!

Not planned your summer holidays yet? Why not come to Cambridge for more convention goodness? Constitution runs over the weekend of 31st July – 2nd August with SF/fantasy, gaming and filk streams. Guests of Honour include Steph Swainston and Henry Gee. Membership costs only £20 – much cheaper than Worldcon! Come and find us at our desk just outside the Dealers' Room.

ODYSSEY OPPORTUNITY!

After the bid session, Rita Medany gave a quick update on Odyssey 2010. Single room bookings for the con hotel are closed for now, but there is a waiting list. Bookings in the overflow hotels will open in two weeks. Mitch Benn has confirmed that he will be performing, which has nothing to do with the reminder that there will be a price rise after this convention. *[Excellent, I missed him at Orbital! – Ed]*

EASTERCON EMPTINESS!

Fran reports: The bid session wasn't very well attended, and lasted approximately five minutes, the quickest session your reporter has known. No bids were presented, and a vote was taken to holdover the bid to take place at Odyssey 2010. Rita Medany, Odyssey's chair, said that there is a group working on a bid, and they will confirm by Novacon if they are going ahead.

DIGNITY DRINKING!

For those looking for a free drink, and some mighty funny storytelling, both are available at the Baron Munchausen item which is on this evening. Please go and have a grand time!

FANTASY FAREWELL!

This is of course the Fantasy Centre's last Eastercon, after nearly forty years in the business. They have a stall in the Dealers' Room and there are, we are told, mad discounts. Erik Arthur, proprietor, will be happy to cater to your every need.

GALLOPING GERTIE!

Alison Scott tells us, rather hilariously, that she's taken up running. Well, more sort of waddling, to be fair. At any rate, she can be spotted around the place in training for the British Heart Foundation Hyde Park Jog; a five kilometre walk/jog/run on, er, Wednesday. That was well planned. She'd like everyone to sponsor her at tinyurl.com/cz7aly. Or find her in the bar and press money on her.

BEEBLEBEAR BRAVADO!

ZZ9 reports that the Beeblebear Picnic on Saturday Afternoon was attended by 36 bears, where they had hoped for 42. Not quite there, but still really good going! Initially there was a picnic in each of the downstairs bars – confusion ensued, until one bar was picked, after which a happy sleuth of bears piled in together. We think this meeting might set a record of assembled Beeblebears in one place – we'll try to do better next time!

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter will be published this evening, at around the same time as yesterday (we hope). Content should be e-mailed to news@lx2009.com, given to a newsletter person or put in the Big Newsletter Box in Ops.

CHAPTER FOUR: 1978-1987

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

2000 AD, Albacon, Aldiss, Andromeda, *Ansible*, Arthur C Clarke Award, Atkinson, Banks, Barker, Bell, *Blake's 7*, *Brazil*, Bridges, Burns, Carol, Conspiracy, Cowper, Edwards, *Encyclopaedia of Science Fiction*, Evans, Faircon, Forbidden Planet, Frank's APA, *Golden Witchbreed*, GUFF, Hansen, Hardy, Helliconia, Holdstock, Jarrold, Keele, Kilworth, *Kiteworld*, Langford, Lessing, Lloyd, *Matrix*, Moore, *Riddley Walker*, Rubicon, Seacon '79, Seacon '84, Shaw, Slater, *Tappen*, *The Flipside of Dominick Hide*, *The Fountains of Paradise*, *The Glamour*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *The Ragged Astronauts*, *The Road to Corlay*, *The Unlimited Dream Company*, *Trillion Year Spree*, Twll-Ddu, TWP, *V for Vendetta*, *Watchmen*, West, Whiteoak, Yorcon. ZZ9.

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

As some of you who know me will be aware, I am a huge fan of Douglas Adams and his *Hitchhiker's Guide* trilogy. Some of you will have noticed the T-shirt in your registration pack with "FROODY" written on the front. If anyone has an XL (of which there are rumours), I will swap them an L for it and buy them a drink of their choice. Come and see me and I'm yours.

We are currently discussing which Mythbuster is the sexiest – Adam Savage (the manic one), or Jamie Hyneman (the quieter one). Opinions to the usual place, please.

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

For the second time, there are no corrections from the previous newsletter. Given I did the last issue on two hours' sleep, there's no logic there. Again, I do apologise!

GARCIA GENIUS!

Chris Garcia, known to many for being absolutely mad, extremely Californian, but still an absolute genius, has revealed on Twitter that he has hidden something under a seat in a public area, and the one who finds it, gets to eat it. (We have no idea about this either.)

CHILDREN'S CAPERS!

Here are Monday's child-friendly programme items:

'Paper airplane session' at 10am: Create a paper plane or a miniature model of the solar system in this paper art workshop that will culminate in a paper plane piloting competition.

'Dirty Water' at 2pm: The latest Bond movie is about a fight over clean water. Can you clean up dirty water with the the supplies we offer? Prizes for the most successful team.

REAL ALE REVELATION!

Blind Pew reports that the hotel staff do not believe that we are going to drink them dry of real ale. The newsletter team thinks that this is a challenge and would like to urge everyone to go and drink as much as humanly possible this evening (responsibly).

QUOTATION QUOTIENT!

Fran: "I don't bother with names, I just lech."

MONDAY MAYHEM!

Emma Peel, of Odyssey 2010, reports: For those of you staying on Monday night, there's an exciting (or at least loud) audience participation event. This will be singalongaweedon, followed by Singstar, with prizes for the following (judge's decision final):

- highest score;
- lowest score despite effort;
- most entertaining performance.

The event will start when we have determined people are drunk enough to be uninhibited!

KETTERING KARNAGE!

Stef and Fran report: There were two clans in the 'Battle of Kettering' item. Clan McHinge, who believed that Kettering took place and therefore this is the 61st Eastercon; and Clan McChuff who believed that Kettering did not take place and therefore this is the 60th Eastercon.

Two warlords led the clans: Tamar for McChuff and Gary for McHinge. After a fierce battle - the warlords surging forth with magical swords - one by one the non-believers were cut down to a single survivor, Tamar. Gary gallantly offered her a single combat to the death for total victory, which she accepted. As she swung the lethal stroke, his evil cohorts struck her down from behind to cries of "Treachery!"

So we still don't bloody know!

WORLDCON WONDERMENT!

Ilana reports on the presentation of the Worldcon bid. There is not yet a con committee, but there is a group of people who have joined an online community to discuss the bid at tinyurl.com/crn36u (EU1415 on Google Groups).

Currently, the plan is to select a site this year and launch the Worldcon bid next year. Several possible sites were discussed during the presentation, boiling down to two possibilities – the SECC in Glasgow and ExCel in London (the Olympics mean that the facilities required are going to be present by the convention).

The chair of the bid will be decided in May, and the bid will be voted on at the 2012 Worldcon. European fans should become supporting members of that Worldcon if they want to vote for this bid. Join the group for more information and to contribute to 2014!

ED ECSTACY!

Ed tells the newsletter team that he will be providing free massages to anyone who wants one this evening in one of the bars downstairs (most likely the main bar).

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

Shalamar
862 Manchester Road, BD5 8DJ
01274 726468

The restaurant about 10-15 minutes' walk from the Cedar Court (turn right at the Craven Heifer pub). Good curry at around £6 for a main course with rice or chappatis. There's not much for vegetarians and it isn't licensed. There are five tables seating 18 people, and it's open til 1am all weekend.

Turn right at the Heifer! by Sue Mason

Akbar's The Restaurant
1276 Leeds Road, BD3 8LF
akbars.co.uk
01274 773311

A cab ride away, this modern-style eatery didn't look very Indian. Stepping inside, it proved to be very busy and noisy as well, but despite us not having a reservation, they lived up to the promised table in ten minutes. The menu was perhaps a bit limited (lots of Balti, nada Tandoori), and in white on black a tad hard to read, but the food was excellent. On a side note, the oversized nan was a bit much. If you're going out for a conversation over dinner, this is not the place to go for, as the chatter from all around the rather bare rooms reflects back to white noise – Jan van't Ent.

PROPERTY PROPERNESS!

Ops would like to remind people that they are responsible for lost property (well, not responsible for you having lost it, responsible for receiving any that is found around the hotel), and so anything you find should be delivered to them posthaste. If you have lost anything they will be only too happy to lend you a hand.

'BOUT BITTERCON!

On LiveJournal, brisingamen is running a series of entries intended to spark discussion based on panel items at LX under the banner of Bittercon. If you're interested in saying more about topics LX is covering, please go along and join in with the debate – the URL is brisingamen.livejournal.com.

FUTURE FROLICS!

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CHAPTER FIVE: 1988-1997

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

Adelphi, *Ammonite*, *Ansible*, *Attitude*, Attitude, *Aztec Century*, Banks, Baxter, Burns, Clarke, Contabile, *Critical Wave*, 'Dark Night in Toyland', *Desolation Road*, *Encyclopaedia of Science Fiction*, *Eternal Light*, *Fairyland*, Greenland, Griffith, Holdstock, Incon, Intersection, *Interzone*, Jarrold, Jersey, Jones, *Kairos*, Leeds, McAuley, Mexicon, MiScon, Moorcock, Mooring, Newman, *Other Edens*, Ounsley, *Pasquale's Angel*, Pickersgill, Pringle, *Rastus Johnson's Cakewalk*, *Red Dwarf*, Ryman, Science Fiction Foundation, SMS, Stableford, *Take Back Plenty*, Talbot, *The Adventures of Luther Arkwright*, *The Child Garden*, *The Empire of Fear*, *The Prestige*, *The Star Fraction*, *The Time Ships*, *Then*, *Titan*, *Unquenchable Fire*, *Use of Weapons*, *Voyage*, *Vurt*, Wells, West, White, Willis, *Zenith*.

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

Amazon are currently (apparently) being extremely discriminatory to gay and lesbian people, it is reported on Twitter this morning (use #amazonfail for more details). For those of you who don't keep up with the Internet at cons where the Wi-Fi is £15/day, you might want to catch up with that when you get home.

On a lighter note, this is the last issue before the dead dog party. There have been seven (including this) proper issues, a spoof issue, a photo issue and an issue I didn't know about until they were printing it without me, so if you have ten issues you're up-to-date.

See you in the bar – John.

CORRECTION CONFUSION!

Apologies to BlindPew, whose name was misspelt last issue, and apologies to Dutch fandom, but I am not allowed to edit that box.

O.J. OBSOLETENESS!

Further to our insistence last issue that you all go and drink much real ale, we have learned that the hotel has sold out of Black Sheep. We have also learned that the hotel has sold out of cans of cola and also orange juice, which sounds suspiciously healthy to us...

RECOVERY RETCON!

Bradford Royal Infirmary discovered that Colin Fine had introduced an alien life-form into their nice clean hospital via his thumb (see below). Subsequently, they have ejected him, and he is now at large at the convention. The Invader is hidden inside a large bandage around his left thumb.

QUOTATION reQUIREMENT!

Pepper: "I'm not used to having one as long as this!"

Robert Newman: "Why is Nolly sharing a room with Liam Proven?" Tobes: "Because he's too nice to say 'fuck off!'"

Karen: "I'd like to think I'm more coherent than the average troll."

EDITOR EXCLUSION!

Someone has contacted the editor about a newsletter that was apparently released last night. I would like to make it clear that no newsletter was released in the late evening and that all rumours to the contrary are vicious lies. However, if it had been published it would be available from the newsletter office, obviously.

GAMING GAMBIT!

Forgotten Futures: The League of Extraordinary Geometers is now at 6pm in the games room, unless it's not available. The game takes about two or three hours for 3-6 players.

Can you help rescue the High Circle of Flatland, who has been kidnapped by abductors from the mysterious Third Dimension? Warning: it's **extremely** silly...

LOST AND LOCATED!

A black velvet dress was found inside-out in the foyer on the first floor. The finder would like to know what happened with its contents!

A moleskine notebook has been lost, it was last seen upstairs in the Cedar Court on Sunday night.

A sofa has gone missing, last seen being moved by two burly fans on Saturday. The newsletter team reports they are very comfortable.

Lost: one hotel chain. If found, please return to Novacon.

ROCKBAND REBOOT!

Liam Proven: "Do any of you know how to set up a Playstation 3?" Everyone else: "No, sorry, try the Games Room."

Liam was later seen returning to Mimosa with two ten-year-old girls who had the skills required to set it up for him... Eventually we were all able to get down and ROCK!

Max tells us that the winners were called Con-Monkey. Laurie Cowan gets a special mention because her drumming apparently carried the rest of the band (their words, not ours!). Forbidden Planet gave prizes to all those who took part.

AUCTION ACTION!

The art auction lasted three hours and managed to total over £8000 by selling 178 lots.

The LFF auction last night raised over £500 *[partly thanks to me, I might add – Ed]* for the fan funds. Thanks to everyone who spurned Rock Band and came along and bought tat.

Your humble editor helped to raise money for the LFF by being dressed in a corset and being paraded around the bar. Photos will follow in the Dead Dog issue.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS!

Kashmir
27 Morley Street, BD7 1AG
(downstairs in the basement)
01274 726513

No visit to Bradford would be complete without a visit to the Kashmir, near the University and a ten minute walk from the Hilton. The original curry restaurant, here since the 70s, it serves authentic curries – lamb, chicken, veg with large chappatis – and even rice or naan if you insist. Cutlery is an optional extra but it's much more fun to use your fingers (right hand only, please). An experience not to be missed, and cheap too. Recommended by Mick Taylor.

Karachi
15 Neal St, DB5 0LB
01274 732015

Located behind the Media Museum, combining a popular cultural trip with an affordable curry (at £7.50 for two courses). Both David Cooper, who had lunch there last week, and Rick Stein recommend this restaurant.

CONVENTION CONFIRMATION!

There was a panel on the best convention ever yesterday, Dave Mansfield reports.

Each convention mentioned by the assembled throng was rated by Programme, People, Place (hotel) and Pros (guests). The three best conventions, as voted for by the panel, were Plokta.con 2 in third, Redemption 2005 in second and Inconsequential winning.

TEENAGE TIM!

Tim Powers was born on February 29th, and he turned 14 recently – we think this may make him the youngest Eastercon GoH ever. If that's untrue please tell us!

FILK FROLICS!

The filk concert on Saturday night was enjoyed by far too few people, reports Ilana, as it was wonderful. Our well-known Minstrel was the brightest star there, nicely balanced by the other musicians. Highly enjoyable and utterly underappreciated.

POSTER PREVALENCE!

For those curious about the *Dead Girl* posters dotted about the hotel, we can reveal the mystery. Richard Culder's cult novel is being turned into a graphic novel and will be serialised in *Murky Depths*, starting with issue #9, launching at Fantasycon in September.

FUTURE FROLICS!

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CHAPTER CIX: 1998-2007
Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

28 Days Later, A Time Odyssey, *Air*, *Ansible*, Arabesk, *Ash*, Baxter, *Black Man*, *Bold as Love*, *Brasyl*, Brown, *Cloud Atlas*, Clute, Davies, Destiny's Children, *Dr Who*, *Dreaming in Smoke*, Edwards, Efanzines.com, *Fallen Dragon*, Fangorn, Fletcher, Gentle, Glasgow, Grimwood, Hamilton, Harman, Harrison, Hicks, Hinckley, Interaction, *Iron Council*, James, Jones, Kincaid, Lake, Langford, *Life on Mars*, LiveJournal, McDonald, MacLeod, Mason, Mendlesohn, Miéville, Moffat, Morgan, New Space Opera, New Weird, *Nova Swing*, *Perdido Street Station*, Pickersgill, *Plokta*, Plokta.con, Priest, PS, *Revelation Space*, Reynolds, *River of Gods*, Robson, Rowse, Scott, *SFX*, Speller, Stef'n'James, Stross, Sullivan, The Cabal, *The Separation*, Weston, Williams, Young, *Zoo Nation*

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EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT!

It's the dead dog issue. Posters are being taken down, the closing ceremony has been and gone, and the Doc Weir award has been given to someone thoroughly deserving of the award (more details elsewhere).

For those of you who are wondering, copies of *Procrastinations* made their way to this convention, and are available from me if you see me (assuming you see me in the newsletter office or I have some in the bar).

It's been absolutely manic, but I've had an extraordinarily good time, being rushed off my feet and taking a while in the evenings (until the early hours of the morning) to chill out and be with awesome people I don't see nearly often enough.

See you in the bar – John.

CORSETRY CORNER!

It's all your fault if you need brain bleach after viewing this photo by a GUFF delegate. You were the ones who begged me to include it! As a result of this corset, several pounds were raised for the glory of the fan funds.

DOC WEIR WONDER!

Kari won the Doc Weir award for being outstanding and awesome in the face of overwhelming fandom. A heartfelt "Well done" to her – everyone at the newsletter was rooting for her.

QUOTATION reQUIREMENT!

Liz: "I could move to Sheffield, but then I'd be in Sheffield."

Dan: "Fuck me, that bear's got two heads!"

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

Normal people (businessmen, in fact) are booking into the hotel... our correspondent got some very odd looks.

ALLITERATION ASSISTANT!

I would like to thank Dave Haddock for his awesome assistance in finding amazing alliterations for this noteworthy newsletter. A shout goes out to Ang for help with some of the alliteration, too.

BSFA LECTURE!

This new endeavour from the BSFA, intended as an arts and humanities counterpart to the SF Foundation's popular George Hay memorial scientific lecture, has got off to a strong start with 'Visualising Time in the Middle Ages' by Dr Shana Worthen.

Her fascinating talk on the measurement and visualisation of time during the (somewhat nebulously defined) medieval period. Shana began by explaining some of the different calendars in use throughout Europe (in 12th-16th Century France, for example, the year started on Easter Sunday) and then moved on to an exploration of how individual days were divided into hours. She then discussed the various mechanisms that were developed for measuring time: sundials, water-clocks, marked candles, astrolabes, mechanical clocks and sand hourglasses. We also learned about allegorical depictions of time, and the "New Iconography of the Virtues" (or "The Virtues Went Shopping") in which several allegorical figures acquired about as many additional items and attributes as they could carry. I look forward to learning more about the Hedgehog of Nineveh at a later date.

All in all, an excellent start to what I hope will be a long tradition of BSFA lectures at Eastercon – Nicholas Jackson.

PHLOSQUE PROBLEMS!

If not for a cockup at the closing ceremony, the pink and musical Phlosque award would have been given to Anne Stokes for 'Water Dragon' by Jodie Payne, the future face of Phlosque. "Gorgeous dragon, blue water and slight improbableness."

REPORT RECEIVED!

A drabble from James Shields: 'What's Opera Doc' (the best cartoon of all time) at the opening ceremony sums up almost everything that happened during the weekend. It had a fantastic plot, and some things worked brilliantly, while others took a little time to get off the ground. It was all okay on the night, though, and everyone enjoyed themselves at the time. The programme kept me too busy to eat and left me wishing for the elusive art of bi-location. The split locations really weren't an issue for most people. Now I'm off to the bar where Peter Harrow owes me a nice pint.

MISSING MINIHEADLINE!

Due to privacy concerns, this part of the Dead Dog issue has been removed prior to its upload to eFanzines.com – we apologise to those who were not at Eastercon LX, but can assure you that you're not really missing out on loads...

FUTURE FROLICS!

The next newsletter is due to be published at Odyssey 2010, the 61st British Science Fiction Convention. Content should be buried for a year and recycled as firelighters.

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EPILOGUE

Mark Plummer and Claire Brialey

2t0nic, Asher, *Ashes to Ashes*, Ballard, Banks, Baxter, Brown, BSFA:50, Conrunner, Coxon, Cytricon V, *Dr Who*, Evans, Fenn, *Flood*, Gaiman, *Going Under*, Hamilton, Harkaway, *House of Suns*, *Interzone*, *Kethani*, Langford, Lee, *Line War*, MacLeod, MacLeod, *Martin Martin's on the Other Side*, Mason, *Matter*, McAuley, Miéville, *Miracles of Life*, Newcon, *Non-Stop*, Novacon, *Omega*, Orbital, Peyton, *Postscripts*, *Principles of Angels*, *Prolapse*, Reynolds, *Rhetorics of Fantasy*, Roberts, Robson, *Saturn's Children*, Scott, *SFX*, *Song of Time*, Stross, *Swiftly*, *The Gone-Away World*, *The Night Sessions*, *The Quiet War*, *The Temporal Void*, *Torchwood*, Wernham, *What It Is We Do When We Read Science Fiction*, Williams, *Winterstrike*.

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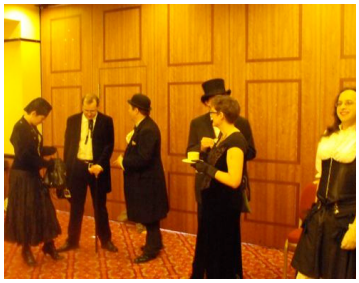

Discussing the Empire to-day

Observe their outlandish attire

Two young rapscallions

Musical entertainment, anyone?

"So you've been fighting, then?"
"Yes, just back from India..."

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READY TO ROCK LIKE THE OLD FARTZ

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EDITORIAL EXECUTION

Congoers, the Voice has gone rogue! We present you with no announcements, no programme alterations, no apologies, and no restaurant recommendations! None of that useful stuff. So forget it if you are confused on what to do later today. We're not helpful at all in this issue! Instead we want to bring you reviews and articles on everything that's been going on at the con so far. We're sure you all want to know how our roving reporters have experienced the various panels. Re-live those moments and see if your favourite panel or insanity made it onto the printed page.

We hope you enjoy our Rogue Issue as much as we are chuffed to be able to present you with it.

WHAT ALLITERATION?

We don't do no poetry here...

MATHEMATICIANS SEEING DEAD PEOPLE:

Not your average subject, surely, but the room was packed, with the male of the species outnumbering the female by about twenty to one. But topology was the foremost problem on our minds. This hour would bring us the answers we were looking for.

Jules Henri Poincaré, (physicist, mathematician, engineer and philosopher of science) pioneered algebraic topology. So what's that? And what does it have to do with us? Well, he's the top topology guy, of course.

He came up with the statement 'If it looks like a sphere, it is.' Ultimately profound, of course, but this poses a new problem immediately.

Jules was into the three dimensions as we know them quite intimately. But it turns out that it's topologically impossible to look properly at a three dimensional object in three dimensions. You need six dimensions to classify three dimensional space in! Humans are therefore completely flawed and we need ridiculously smart mathematicians to define things for us.

Ultimately, the answer is sure to be forty-two, but this time it's by way of American style doughnuts, Asteroids games from the early 80s and folding objects in space.

I feel so much better now!

TIPS FOR FIRST TIME CON-GOERS

Yes. It's a bit late., but by this point you might need a little reminder, so you can make the most of your last day.

Don't sit in a corner. Talk to people. Strike up conversations with the person next to you - they will be friendly. If there's something you see you like, poke your nose in and ask to be involved. Volunteer, go to Ops and ask what your options are. Eat at least twice a day. Have at least one shower a day. Try to get a minimum of five hours a night.

Check out the dealer's rooms. Find out about other conventions and sign up for them. Check out the art show! Enjoy the diversity. Again strike up a conversation and make friends.

The Media room has panel discussions as well as showings of TV shows, odd stuff, fan films, foreign films. The program is listed outside the room.

The Music stream in the Oak has filking. Have a look and listen to the filk circles as well (but do not bang with doors when someone is singing). Wait until the song is done before coming in or going out.

Games here include interesting boardgames. Everyone is friendly and you can join a game when one starts. There is no programming, except for the Games stream laid out in the programme guide.

The Fan fun programme is a mix of fannish discussions on issues such as the Fan Fund Auction, which will raise money for fans to go to conventions in places that they wouldn't normally be able to go to. This year we have two fans from Australia, especially over for Eastercon and the lovely Yorkshire weather.

BAD SEX PANEL REVIEW

The Bad Sex in SF was swamped with attention on Saturday night. Gali Golan entertained us by summarizing bad sex and gender paranoia in Israeli SF. She also enlightened us into the concept of being able to communicate love and sex, which apparently is something Hebrew is totally unsuitable for. The sex scenes in Hebrew SF therefore are described with a lack of proper terminology, turning it from a narrative train wreck into something completely hilarious. It is best summarized by Gali's idea that, 'the author has a tiny penis and fear he will therefore never be able to satisfy a woman.' Such small box thinking created a sex scene that had our audience rolling with laughter.

Then there was 'Planet Sex', which was brought in by another panelist. The AngloSaxon futuristic sex riddled insanity was equally hilarious and he hadn't gotten to the sex scenes yet. 'No, I can't really read them, they are too horrible. Does anyone want a copy to read it yourselves?' Fifteen hands went up and issues of '2477 AD' were passed around.

The next bit was a flowery sex scene that had everyone in stitches, not that anything else was possible in this room anymore, when it started off with 'bristling pubis' and went downwards from there.

Obviously vampires appeared and disappeared during the rest of the panel, some sucking of bodily fluids, and at finally the not-to-be-missed rampant necrophilia with cold tv dinners in, yes, the morgue. It's only really freaky if the corpse turns out to be a vampire.

It's truly amazing what bad writing is out there, never mind the completely over the top, ridiculously unbelievable sci-fi sex fantasies!

BURNS NIGHT RECOLLECTIONS

On wandering into the Burns Night gathering, on Friday I saw the miniature highland games clustered at the end of the room. In the name of journalism I tried my hand at all of the activities: the pencil caber toss, cube throw and of course the tossing of the straw with one's right hand. During this I witnessed Pepper giving the attendant a side show bob make-over, which I'm sure he enjoyed. The fury curling was fun, even if my team lost. The commiseratory whisky was very nice, as indeed where all of the ones available for tasting. Flick and others demonstrated their flexibility with the astral pole, much to Liam's and Jim's delight, I was not alone in not being able to get my leg over the bar that night.

ENTRY LEVEL CRITICISM - REVIEW

The Entry Level Criticism panel featured a strong discussion on the difference between criticisms and reviews. A review is an opinion on the material, including the writer's style, which helps to inform the reader if the title is of interest and worth one's time. Criticism is more of a discourse, where the features of the piece can be discussed, as the reader is expected to have either read the piece or not mind its structure being discussed, thus spoilers shouldn't be an issue.

As for its central advice on how to be a better critic it was practice, practice, practice, and read widely - both magazines and websites - and review your own work as well as think about your readership.

FUTURE FROLICS!

The normal newsletter schedule resumes now, handing you back to control. Anything you still want the newsletter to include, from plugs to panels to information about decent restaurants near the hotel, should be given to us as soon as poss if you want to get it in a Monday issue.

RUNAWAY INTERESTS

Summary of the weekend, aka, what we missed but not limted to everything else we might miss. Take a breath and here goes:

3D, Anime, Art, Bad Biology, Battlestar Galactica, Beer, Bids, Breakfast, BSFA, Bus Service, Catan, Cermonies, Children, Chocolate, Comics, Conrunning, Convention, Crossbow, Disco, Dr Who, Easter, Egg Race, Fair Use, Fanzines, Fencing, Filk, Filk, Gaming, GoHs, Gophering, GUFF, Horror, Insidious, Kaffeklatsch, Kunji, (LA)RP, Manga, Marketing of Novels, Martial Arts, Music Stream, Paper Airplane, Pcifism, Phantasmagoria, Phlosque, Pictionary, Plot, Programme; Quantum, Re-creating History, RoboRally, Satellite Technology, Sleep, Steampunk, Sticking stuff on walls, Symphonic Fantasy, Tai Chi, Time, University, Watchmen, Wish You Were Here, Writers.

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